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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

- 1. (currently amended) A chassis and/or supporting structure [[(6)]] of a motor vehicle [[(19)]], in particular of a passenger vehicle, characterized by the chassis and/or the supporting structure [[(6)]] being designed as a hollow chamber sheet structure.
- 2. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that, wherein in the case of a motor vehicle [[(19)]] having two or more axles, a bottom hollow chamber sheet [[(1)]] arranged between the axles is adjoined in the region of the axles by vertical, flanking hollow chamber sheets [[(4)]], the vertical sheets [[(4)]] being stiffened and/or connected to one another in the transverse direction of the vehicle by further hollow chamber sheets [[(15)]] and/or struts.
- 3. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle, in particular as claimed in claim 1 [[or 2]], characterized in that within the chassis and/or the supporting structure [[(6)]] flow ducts [[(10)]] are formed between at least one inflow opening [[(2)]] on a front part of the vehicle and at least one outflow opening [[(3)]] at the rear [[(23)]] of the vehicle.
- 4. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle, as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the outflow openings [[(3)]] at the rear [[(23)]] of the vehicle [[(19)]] are arranged and designed in such a manner that a dirtying of the rear [[(23)]] is reduced.
- 5. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle, as claimed in either of claims 3 and 4, characterized in that

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<u>claim 3, wherein</u> the outflow openings [[(3)]] at the rear [[(23)]] of the vehicle [[(19)]] are arranged and designed in such a manner that air vortices at the rear [[(23)]] of the vehicle are reduced.

- 6. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle, as claimed in one of claims 3 to 5, characterized in that claim 3, wherein a passenger cell [[(20)]] is ventilated and vented by the flow ducts [[(10)]] or by some of them.
- 7. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle, as claimed in one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the hollow chamber sheets (1, 4, 15) are designed as light metal elements.
- 8. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle, as claimed in one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the hollow chamber sheets (1, 4, 15) are designed as plastic elements.
- 9. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle, as claimed in one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the hollow chamber sheets (1, 4, 15) are designed as extruded profiles.
- 10. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle, as claimed in one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the hollow chamber sheets (1, 4, 15) are designed as built-up profiles, in particular of sheet metal.
- 11. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle, as claimed in one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the lifting effect of the vehicle [[(19)]] is reduced by the flow ducts [[(10)]] and/or the inflow and outflow openings [[(2, 3)]] thereof.

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12. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle, as claimed in one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that claim 1, wherein downforce of the vehicle [[(19)]] is achieved by the flow ducts [[(10)]] and/or the inflow and outflow openings [[(2, 3)]] thereof.

13. (currently amended) The chassis and/or supporting structure of a motor vehicle, as claimed in one of claims 1 to 12, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the flow ducts [[(10)]] are of controllable design by means of flaps at the inflow and outflow openings [[(2, 3)]].